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Army announces prescribed burn intent for 2006

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The Army plans to conduct a 60 acre prescribed burn over the summer or fall of 2006 to clear brush in order to safely remove unexploded munitions and explosives left over from when the Army used Fort Ord to train soldiers.

The former range area subject to the 2006 prescribed burn is referred to as Munitions Response Site 16 (MRS-16) and was included in the 2002 Superfund decision document that selected burns for brush clearance and subsequent removal of munitions as the cleanup remedy.

An exact date has not been set for the burn as optimum conditions for a successful burn are needed. The Army will announce when suitable prescribed burning conditions are considered imminent, and when the prescribed burn is ignited. Direct notification will be provided by e-mail or auto-dialer telephone for anyone who wants to receive such notification. People who want to be put on the list for direct notification should phone the Army at (800) 852-9699, or download an enrollment form at www.FortOrdCleanup.com.

The prescribed burn planned for 2006 is only about 5 percent the size of the fire in 2003 that burned nearly 1,500 acres. That fire was planned to burn 500 acres, but escaped the primary containment lines. For this reason the Army has tripled the size of the primary containment lines to 150 yards to control this prescribed burn, and has changed the guidelines for the conditions necessary before a prescribed burn will be lit. The entire prescribed burn this year is expected to last only three hours and will be managed by the Presidio of Monterey Fire Department.

The Army will reimburse county residents who choose to travel out of the area the day and night of the fire. Monterey County residents who want to enroll for the voluntary relocation program need to apply in person at the Relocation Office in Building 4463, Gigling Road, on the former Fort Ord by July 14, 2006. After July 14, 2006, the Army will do its best to accommodate persons who wish to relocate. Call (831) 242-7383 or (800) 952-9699, for up to date information or visit website www.FortOrdCleanup.com.

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